Gosikhurd Dam

†*417. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Maharashtra has requested the Centre to recognize the Gosikhurd Dam in Bhandara district in drought affected Vidarbha as a national plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government proposes to recognize it as national plan;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) to (e) The following criteria has been adopted for selection of National projects;

(i) International projects where usage of water in India is required by a treaty or where planning and early completion of the project is necessary in the interest of the country.

(ii) Inter-State projects which are dragging on due to non-resolution of inter-State issues relating to sharing of costs, rehabilitation, aspects of power production etc., including river interlinking projects.

(iii) Intra-state projects with additional potential of more than 2,00,000 ha. and with no dispute regarding sharing of water and where hydrology is established.

Based on the above criteria, 14 projects including Gosikhurd Project have been selected as National Projects.

Sanction of big dam projects

†*418. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the role of the Central Government in sanctioning big dam projects;

(b) whether Government would take *Suo motu* decision on other places in the light of decision of Madhya Pradesh High Court for providing land to the people affected by these projects;

(c) whether due to lack of constant flow of water, people residing ahead of dams are facing difficulties; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ) (a) Water resources development projects including the big dam projects are conceived, planned and implemented by the respective State Governments. However, as per the guidelines issued by the Planning Commission *vide* their letter No. 16(12)99-WR dated 30.11.2000, all major

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

and multipurpose and medium irrigation projects and flood control including drainage projects which have Inter-State ramifications will be subject to techno-economic appraisal in Central Water Commission and then approval by the Advisory Committee on Irrigation, Flood Control and Multipurpose projects in the Ministry of Water Resources before the investment clearance of such projects/schemes is accorded by the Planning Commission.

(b) Several State Governments have their own policies on Rehabilitation & Resettlement. The Government of India has also adopted a National Rehabilitation & Resettlement Policy, 2007 (NRRP-2007) which *inter-alia* provides that the State Governments, Public Sector Undertakings or agencies and other requiring bodies shall be at liberty to put in place greater benefit levels than those prescribed in the NRRP-2007.

(c) and (d) There is no specific report about difficulties being faced by the people residing ahead of dams due to lack of constant flow. However, the changes in the flow characteristics due to construction of dam are duly examined at the time of preparation of detailed project report and appropriate measures are taken to address all related issues.

Losses of Indian Airlines

*419. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines has suffered huge financial losses during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Indian Airlines operates maximum 55 flights daily from Delhi whereas nearly 300 Pilots/Co-Pilots are stationed here;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is a fact that excess of Pilots/Co-Pilots is also a factor behind the losses of Indian Airlines; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Erstwhile Indian Airlines had earned profit of Rs. 65.61 crore during the year 2003-04 and Rs. 49.50 crore during the year 2005-06. However, as per the audited accounts for the 2006-07, the total loss suffered by erstwhile Indian airlines was Rs. 240.29 crores.

(c) and (d) National Aviation Company of India Limited (NACIL-I) operates a maximum 59 flights (under IC code) daily from Delhi and has 266 pilots/Co-pilots available in Northern Region, Delhi. The number of flights operated out of Delhi varies from season to season and time to time, as many unscheduled flights like VIP/VVIP charter, extra section flights, army charter flights etc. are also operated out of Delhi.

(e) and (f) No, Sir. There is no direct relationship between Pilot/Co-Pilots and losses of erstwhile Indian Airlines. However, Pilots are positioned at a station keeping in mind factors like Flight and Duty Time Limitations as laid down by DGCA from time to time, agreement signed with Pilots Association, Training requirements for special airfields, for operating additional/extra section flights etc.